- In a situation of multiple applications for grant of iron ore LAPL/PL/ ML the existing investment in steel plants which have exhausted their current captive mines should also be a consideration.
- Existing captive mines should be renewed if they have complied with the conditions of the lease and the life of the steel plant so warrants taking into account existing and planned capacities.
- Steel making capacities already in existence on July 1, 2006, which do not have captive mines, may also be given preferential allocation of adequate iron ore reserves within the State without the need to go through the process of auction, as a one-time measure to provide a level playing field.
- Scientific and vigorous prospecting in the country should be encouraged. LAPLs and PLs for magnetite may be freely given to both stand along and captive miners whether Indian or foreign. LAPLs for hematite may be given only after strictly ensuring that GSI or another State agency has not already done the requisite exploration.
- Captive iron ore mines allotted to steel makers should use the ore from these mines for their own steel and should not sell the same either in India or abroad.

Expediting projects by SAIL

397. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had asked the SAIL to expedite projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that as of date projects involving an investment of around Rs. 17,300 crores are under various stages of implementation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the investment considered for Salem Steel Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Steel Authority of India Ltd.

(SAIL) has formulated a Corporate Plan which envisages increasing its Pacity of saleable steel production to 20.75 mt. per annum by 2011-12. Government has asked SAIL to expedite the completion of these projects so that the capacity enhancement can be achieved earlier.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Till date, projects involving investment of around Rs. 18,000 crore, which includes expansion of the Salem Steel Plant to the tune of Rs. 1,553 crore, are under various stages of implementation. A list of the major projects costing more than Rs. 100 crores is given in the Statement.

Statement

List of Major Projects Costing more than Rs. 100 crores

1.	**Projects on-going: Rs. 2,716 crores**	
	Slab Caster, RH Degasser & Ladle Furnace in SMS-II at BSP	-Rs. 521 cr.
	Upgradation of Blast Furnace-7 at BSP	-Rs. 170 cr.
	Coke Oven Battery-5 at BSP	-Rs. 219 cr.
	Bloom Caster with associated facilities at DSP	-Rs. 271 cr.
	Coke Oven Battery-1 at RSP	-Rs.112 cr.
	Coke Oven Battery-5 at BSL	-Rs.199 cr.
	Coal Dust Injection system in Blast Furnaces 2&3 at BSL	-Rs.134 cr.
	Coal Storage facilities at BSL	-Rs.134 cr.
	Upgradation of Blast Furnance-2 at ISP	-Rs.104 cr.
2.	**Investment proposals approved 'In-principle': Rs. 15,232 crores**	
	Coke Oven Battery-6 rebuilding at BSP	-Rs. 176 cr
	Main Step Down Sub-station-V at BSP	-Rs. 141 cr
	650 tpd Air Separating Unit-4 in Oxygen Plant-II at BSP	-Rs. 279 cr
	Bar & rod Mill at DSP	-Rs. 738 cr
	Modernisation & Capacity Enhancement of Merchant Mill at DSP	-Rs. 119 cr
	Rebuilding of Coke Oven Battery-4 at RSP	-Rs. 195 cr
	Coal Dust Injection in Blast Furnace-4 at RSP	-Rs. 116 cr
	New Coke Oven Gas Holder at RSP	-Rs. 120 cr
	Coke Oven Battery-I at BSL	-Rs. 240 cr
	Upgradation of Blast Furnace-2 at BSL	-Rs. 593 cr
	Replacement/Revamping of Turbo Blowers at BSL	-Rs. 124 cr
	Expansion of ISP	-Rs. 9592 cr
	Rebuilding of Coke Oven Battery-10 at ISP	-Rs. 319 cr

Expansion of SSP	-Rs. 1553 cr
Submerged Arc Furnance at MEL	-Rs. 102 cr

BSP :	Bhilai Steel Plant	ASP :	Alloy Steel Plant
DSP :	Durgapur Steel Plant	SSP :	Salem Steel Plant
RSP :	Rourkela Steel Plant	I S P :	IISCO Steel Plant
VISL :	Visvesvaraya Iron & Steel Plant	BSL :	Bokaro Steel Plant
MEL :	Maharashtra Elektrosmelt Limited		

Possession of Chiria and Rowghat iron ore mines by SAIL

398. SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:
SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Steel Authority of India Ltd. is facing some problems in getting the possession of Chiria and Rowghat iron ore mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS) : (a) to (c) Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had submitted proposals for renewal of mining leases for Chiria iron ore mines. Three out of six leases are under deemed extension and the other three are under litigation between SAIL and State Government of Jharkhand in the Hon'ble High Court of Jharkhand. Vigorous efforts are being made by SAIL and the Ministry of Steel at various levels to settle the matter amicably.

In case of Rowghat, the matter was taken up by the Ministry of Steel. The Ministry of Mines *vide* their Gazette Notification No. G.S.R 438(E) date 20/7/06 and Corrigendum No. G.S.R 542(E) dated 8/9/06 have reserved the Raodongri in the sub-blocks of Rowghat Deposit in favour of SAIL. The process for grant of mining lease and related statutory clearances is under progress.